

CHAIRMAN DAMPIER ON ROAD QUESTION

Wants Good Roads, But They
Must Not Cost Too Much.

HE BELIEVES IN TRAM ROAD

If the County Wants Roads of Flint, Let a Tramway be Built to the Quarries, the Rock Crushed There and be Distributed With One Handling.

Hon. John G. Dampier of Hague, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, was among the prominent visitors from the county to Gainesville Saturday.

Mr. Dampier has served the Board of County Commissioners faithfully for several years, and at the beginning of the present year was honored by election of chairman of the board. He is a most conservative man, always exercising his judgment in a way which believes is in the interest of the people. While he is progressive along all lines, he does not believe in squandering the county's money with indiscretion, and goes carefully into every subject before casting his vote.

Mr. Dampier is a firm advocate of good roads, but does not believe in extravagance. He believes in using more discretion and less money in the construction of roads, at the same time avowing that the best material obtainable should be employed.

"There is not a man in the county who believes any more in good roads than I do," said Commissioner Dampier. "I can appreciate them even more than some others, since I am living in the country and have to travel a great deal. I believe in a good flint road, since we have the material right in our own county, but I do not believe in hauling this material by mule team, crushing the rock and hauling it again to the spot where it is to be used.

Favors Tram Road.

"I believe the proper way to build roads is to run the crusher at the quarry, load the material onto flat cars and pull it to the place where roads are building, dumping it directly on the spot. If we are going to build good roads in Alachua county, and I am aware of the fact that we need them, let us go at it right; let us purchase a narrow gauge locomotive and a few miles of light rail, and by this means we can build from the pit and haul five or six carloads of material at one load. This thing of hauling the rock from the quarry to the crusher, crushing the stone and then hauling it back to the road is too expensive, and if we are going to build roads we must get down to a more economical basis, for we have a great many miles to build."

Mr. Dampier has the right idea. The proper course to pursue, if the county can raise the money, is to purchase a light locomotive and a few miles of light iron and build from the quarry to the point where road is in construction. The rock should be deposited from the quarry into the crusher, which will save two handlings and greatly decrease the expense of road-building.

The Good Roads Machinery Company has made the commissioners an informal proposition for the purchase of the machinery now in use here by the government, but no action is taken, nor can any be taken until the next meeting of the board, which will be held the first Tuesday in April. The county already has a traction engine and other road machinery, and it is doubtful whether any action will be taken. However, it is stated that a horse-roller is badly needed, and it may be possible that the county will purchase the big roller which has been used here.

A Close Call.

Quite an exciting time was had at Wilson's dry goods store early Saturday evening. On lighting one of the gas jets the wind blew some of the light fabrics into the blaze, and in an instant the blaze shot up quite high. One of the clerks, in trying to extinguish the flames, threw the fire into another piece, and it looked as if an alarm would have to be sounded. However, when the force got to work the fire was put out with but slight damage. But it took quick work and it was certainly a close call.

North Gainesville Picnic.

A number of the young people of North Gainesville, bent on having a good time, participated in a picnic to Hogtown creek yesterday, which was the first event of the kind of the season from that thriving barge. About ten couples participated. An elegant lunch, which had been prepared for the occasion, was spread, and the young folks spent the day reveling in the happiness of a spring day.

EN PASSANTE.

Items That Come Into Notice of Casual Observer.

"I saw a man pouring out a lot of brine into the gutter on Union street, a few days ago," said an observer to The Sun, "and I thought then that if all the merchants around the public square would do the same thing, we would have a loud odor about the city when the warm weather got the pot to boiling. Such filthy practice should be stopped before the thing becomes too common. If we all would unite in trying to keep the streets clean, we might have a handsome looking square and a healthy city in every respect. There are a few other things that the health officer should look up before it is too late."

A gentleman who enjoys good cooking and is very fond of Boston baked beans, was invited out a short time ago where this favorite dish was served in a style to tempt the most dainty epicure. To make the repast more palatable, he had a very good appetite that was brought on by a hard day's work, and he partook with a relish that would make a working man turn green with envy. During the night he was taken with agonizing pains in his internal organs and the next morning was hardly able to sit up from the effects of nausea. On being asked by a friend if he was sick he replied: "I feel worse than a man that has been trying to bull the pork and beans market both at the same time."

"I have found Florida a very delightful State to visit in," said a fellow at the breakfast table in a boarding house not one mile over a hundred from Gainesville, a few days ago; "but I must confess that this piece of beefsteak beats me," and he turned over a modest steak on a side dish. "I ordered steak and I am sure it has not been cooked over two minutes, and it comes on the table cold. I have seen many fancy dishes and odd things about the culinary of hotels and boarding houses, but this is the first time I ever saw a beefsteak cooked without even warming it."

A gentleman and lady came into the dining room for breakfast at one of the high-up hotels a short time ago, said a friend the other day, and as they appeared very pleasant, and, as the waiter thought, a trifle shy, he got a wrong impression of the man of the family. They were at a table for two, and as the gentleman gave his order first the waiter said: "Two orders?" "Two order, no!" spoke up the man quickly. "This is no dove and piggy party, and we have been married long enough so that I know better than to butt in on her plans for breakfast. You consult her as to what she wants and she'll let you know that her digestion is the best ever."

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TOM M'BEATH'S PRESENT.

Was Presented With a Handsome Clock by Florida Press Association.

Prof. T. F. McBeath returned yesterday from Lakeland City, where he went to attend the meeting of the Florida Press Association. Prof. McBeath closed his two-years' term as president of the association with this meeting, and in recognition of his efficient services the members presented him with a handsome clock. It was a genuine surprise and the smile had not left Tom's face when he arrived home. The meeting was one of the best ever held from a business point of view, and the entertainment accorded was enjoyed by all.

Children Saw Mother Suicide.

New York, March 25.—In the presence of her two children, a boy 13 years old, and a daughter 11 years old, Mrs. Elizabeth Beverly, of Jersey City, committed suicide by shooting herself in the heart. She had been ill for a long time and recently was operated upon for appendicitis. A friend who called asked how she was feeling. "I never felt better in my life," she answered. Then she pulled the revolver from under a pillow and fired the fatal shot.

THEY MADE IT TWO STRAIGHT GAMES

Stetson Won Two Fine Games
From the Seminary.

BOTH TEAMS PLAYED GOOD

The Second Game Won After a Hard Fight—Good Pitching and Some Good Work in the Field—Stetson Has a Fine Team.

The day was perfect for baseball and it was hoped the Seminary might fare better at the hands of Stetson, but a few changes in the line-up of the Seminary boys did not help matters. The crowd was not as large as the day before, but what it lacked in number was made up in enthusiasm. Play commenced at 2:45 p. m., and the chorus of the young ladies in the grand stand made up in volume what it lacked in harmony. In fact, it was a noisy crowd.

The Seminary boys were first at the bat. Jacobie was out at first by throw from third, Thomas got first on muff of his fly to center, going out on steal of second, and Carpenter failed to get one safe in center.

For Stetson Pounds hit to center for one and stole second and third, where he was caught off his base. Pelot hit safe to left and E. Mickle was out at first on short hit. W. Mickle and Broadwell got their bases on a walk, and Pelot was forced out at home plate. No runs.

In the second the Seminary batters, Boulware and Taylor, failed to get first; Gasque hit for a base and stole second, where he perished on Graham's out at first.

Campbell, for Stetson, went out on a hit to Taylor; Travis hit for a base and stole second, Tilden and Pounds walked, Pelot found the ozone and E. Mickle went out at first. No runs.

In the third the Seminary made a hard effort. Munch was out at first. Coombs hit for a base, Jacobie got first on a hit and forced Coombs to second. Thomas hit for fair and Carpenter was out at first.

Stetson opened with a fly by W. Mickle to center field, taken with ease. Broadwell failed to hit after three attempts, Campbell sent one to third and a wild throw to first gave him second. Botts made a two-spot and Campbell raced home, Irving finishing by a hit to the pitcher. One run for Stetson.

In the fourth Boulware, Taylor and Gasque made the Seminary's part of the inning quite brief, by a liner to the pitcher and the two last fanning.

Stetson sent up Tilden, who hit for a base, stole second and third, where he remained until Pounds went out on an infield fly and Pelot and E. Mickle flew to center. No run.

Inning five brought no hope for the home nine. Graham hit to short, who fumbled, Graham getting his base, but was caught stealing second. Munch and Jacobie were easy at first and Jacobie went down on a fly to right.

The Varsity boys came up smiling, and W. Mickle, Broadwell and Campbell all failed to get to first.

In the sixth the Seminary boys started out for blood. Thomas was out at first, but Carpenter lined out a clean two-bagger, stole third and came home with the first and only score on Boulware's two-baser (slight applause). Taylor and Gasque were easy.

Stetson, headed by Botts, got one run on hits by Botts and Travis, Tilden, Pounds and Pelot going down at first. One run.

In the seventh for the Seminary Graham flew to center, Munch and Coombs hitting the atmosphere.

Stetson came up smiling and the home boys fell down. We won't say how it happened, but timely hits and lively sprinting netted four runs.

In the eighth Jacobie and Thomas went out at first for the Sem, Carpenter made a hit, stole second and tried to get home on Boulware's hit and out, but failed.

Stetson went out in short order, and the inning ended with no runs.

The Seminary boys could not rally in the ninth and the game closed with their half, the game being won by Stetson, and it was good nearly all

J. MANASSE.

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through. Following is the score by

innings:
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 RH
E. F. S.—0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0—1 5
Stetson—0 0 1 0 0 1 4 0 x—6 9
Batteries: Seminary—Coombs and Thomas; Stetson—E. Mickle and Campbell.

Struck out—By Mickle 8, by Coombs 4.

Umpire—Harvey Hutchinson.

Notes of the Games.

The young ladies were so jealous they inside Rome fairly howl.

"Spec" won the hearts of the girls because he would not quit when he was "so sick."

Now, honestly, wouldn't it jar you a little if you heard such a noise at any other place than on the grand stand?

THE NEW DIRECTORY.

Work Progressing Nicely—Other Towns May be Included.

Work on the Gainesville directory is progressing nicely, and the people of Gainesville may expect something nice when the book is completed. The work will contain a hundred pages, more or less, and will be a complete encyclopedia of the city. If proper encouragement can be secured, it will also contain descriptive articles and a directory of a few of the leading towns of the county. Alachua, High Springs, Newberry, Micanopy, Waldo, Hawthorn and Archer are included in the list, and it is possible that a few pages will be devoted to each town. The directory will be bound in neat and substantial form, and will prove invaluable to the public as an agent of information.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Marshal.

To the Voters of Gainesville:
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of marshal, subject to the action of the citizens of Gainesville at the coming municipal election. I leave my case in their hands. If I have discharged my duty as marshal in the past, I ask their indulgence and their votes in future. If they do not think I have discharged my duty, then it rests with them. I will appreciate support, however, and promise as long as in the office to show partiality to no one. Respectfully,
CHAS. PINKSON.

For Marshal.

To the Voters of Gainesville:
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of marshal, subject to the action of the voters of Gainesville at the coming municipal election. Have always been a loyal Democrat, am always ready to render my aid and influence in support of right and justice, and if elected promise a fair and honest service, without fear or favor. Respectfully,
D. A. ROBERTSON.

For Marshal.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Marshal of the City of Gainesville, and solicit the support of all the voters of said city at the coming election of city officers.

If elected, I promise to give to all the people a vigorous and impartial exercise of the duties pertaining to that office. Respectfully,
RICHARD A. BECKER.

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Another Curiosity.

Manager Joseph A. Ettel of the Brown House has added another curiosity to his museum in the form of a Spanish buzzard, which was shipped to him a few days ago from a friend in the Bermuda Islands.

This bird is very much like the American buzzard in form, and naturally possesses a buzzard's appetite, but it is much more beautiful, resembling more a peacock in color. It has a beautiful gold and red bill, and its plumage is grand.

Manager Ettel prizes this acquisition to his menagerie very highly, and is feeding his new property on "the fat of the land."

One of the most amusing as well as interesting features connected with this bird is the fact that the numerous other "specimens" which have been collected by Mr. Ettel seem to envy the presence of this buzzard in striking attire, and at once set upon the fowl with a determination to "do him up." One by one the buzzard is teaching them that he is something of scrapper himself, with the result that there are several sore heads in the menagerie.

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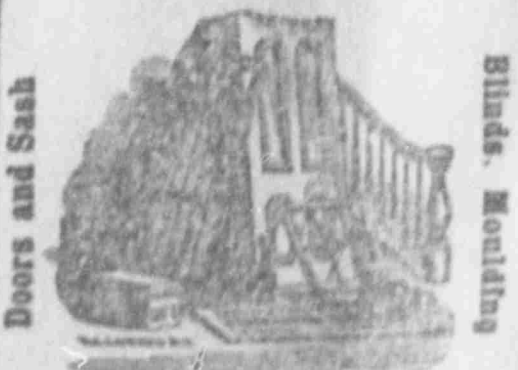
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